CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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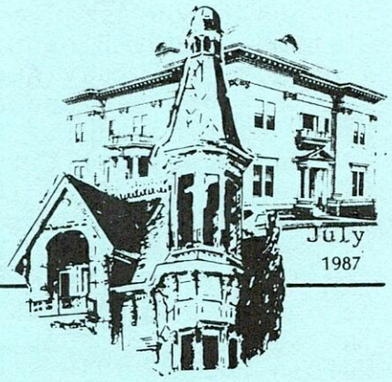

July 1987

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

On June 26 my wife Carol and I arrived in Astoria, and on the 1st of July, I began my duties as your new executive director. Like early day explorers I too am learning the "lay of the land" and the historic potentials of the Astoria community, Clatsop County, and our region in general. Nowhere is there greater potential for the preservation and presentation of history than here in Clatsop County. In truth, Astoria is the "Jamestown" of the Pacific coast. Though Jamestown was founded much earlier, in 1607, Astoria's founding by John Jacob Astor in 1811 makes our town the oldest American community west of the Rockies, and perhaps it's safe to claim that we are the oldest such community west of the Missouri river.

In reviewing our history I am struck by the fact that not only do we have a reason for pride in our ancestry, we also have bright prospects for our posterity. I am both humbled and honored to have been chosen to provide leadership for the future, which is so indelibly embedded in our past. In the days ahead I hope to draw on your suggestions, your services, and your continuing support as we strive to make a good historical society even better. Together we can move ahead with our heritage knowing full well that the past is inevitably prologue for things yet to come. More details about specific future plans will appear in subsequent issues of the Newsletter. In the meantime, we invite you to visit our historic environs and become a part of our past where, as Garrison Keillor would put it, "the women are strong, the men are handsome, and all the children above average".

FUN FOR ONE AND ALL

Sign up for the fourth annual golf tournament benefiting CCHS's Oregon Dixieland Jubilee. Tournament is at Astoria Golf & Country Club on August 6. Tee times between 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. with $200 in prizes awarded in Men's & Women's Divisions in gross and net categories.

If you can't make the golf tourney come to the reception from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and join in the festivities and door prize drawings.

Golf and Reception Donation:

One golf contestant and one person to the reception $25.00
One golf contestant and two persons to the reception $35.00
(Additional $20.00 if golf contestant is a non-member of Astoria G & CC)
Non-golfers attending reception only ..... $12.00 per person
or $20.00 per couple

All Donations Payable to: **Clatsop County Historical Society**

Mail Entry and Donation To:

Columbia Travel
382 12th Street
Astoria, Oregon 97103

or

Clatsop County Historical Society
c/o Heritage Center
618 Exchange
Astoria, Oregon 97103

(Telephone Roger Shannon at Columbia Travel 325-1531 / 738-3352 for additional information.)

ENTRY FORM

Oregon Dixieland Jubilee Golf Benefit

Sponsored by COLUMBIA TRAVEL

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____ HANDICAP _____

To reserve a cart call Astoria Golf & Country Club Pro Shop - (503) 861-2545

Entry form must be received by Tuesday, August 4, 1987.

Mail to: Columbia Travel, 382 12th Street, Astoria, OR 97103

AUGUST HISTORIC VICTORIAN HOME TOUR

Six Victorian residences built between 1863 and 1910 will be open to the public on Astoria Regatta weekend, August 22-23, as a benefit for the Clatsop County Historical Society. Hours of the tour are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday August 22 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday August 23.

Co-Chairmen Bruce Berney and Vera Gault have arranged for the full tour, costing adults $7.50, to include the following houses; The John Hobson House, built in 1863, now owned by Marjorie Halderman; The Judge Charles Page House, 1879, Mrs. Gault's home; The Flavel Mansion, 1885; The Peter Cherry House, 1883 now owned by Reverand and Mrs. William Arbaugh; The Ida Mitchell House, 1896, soon to be opened as The Light House lighting specialties shop; and The Clara Weiman House, 1910, the studio and residence of Daymon Edwards.

Admission is $1.00 for students ages 5 to 15 and free for children under five accompanied by parents. Ticket holders may also tour the Heritage Center Museum & Art Gallery built in 1905 as the Astoria city hall. Tickets may be purchased at Flavel Mansion on the day of the tour; advance purchases not necessary.

This coupon is worth

$2.50
on price of full tour

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR, 1987
August 22, 10:00am to 4:00pm
August 23, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

FLAVEL HOUSE VOLUNTEERS DESK

LO AND BEHOLD! Standing in the fish pond was a springer spaniel, lapping up water and wearing water lilies around his neck. A visitor in the house commented that he looked like a derby winner. Personally, we inside, don't have time to stand around in fish ponds. We are too busy keeping up with our guests this summer.

To be more explicit, we dust, clean, polish silver, water plants, arrange flowers, guide tours, keep the sales cases stocked, exchange shifts to convenience each other, and go home tired and happy. In between times we arrange weddings and special events.

Our favorite event for August is the Regatta Rose Garden Tea. This is an annual ceremony which is honored by the presence of Royal Rosarians, Regatta Court officials and Anchor Club. We have music, a short ceremony, and tea and sweets afterwards. It is always a nice day to make a yearly pilgrimage to inspect your Flavel House Museum and to introduce a friend to its gracious interior. The tea is on the 21st of August at 2:30 and this is my personal invitation to you. Please come and sip with us.

Jean Anderson

HERITAGE CENTER VOLUNTEERS DESK

The forth of July weekend saw the Heritage Center attendance shoot up like a sky rocket. For those four days over 400 visitors toured the galleries, and that's not counting the 200 who attended the gala opening of the newest exhibit. The volunteer docents are busy almost every minute of their shift greeting and directing visitors.

Thus we have a brave new goal--recruiting a sufficient number of volunteers to schedule two per shift. You can help us by suggesting people we might contact. Ruth and I work with each new volunteer until they feel ready to go on the schedule. This month we welcome new docents Harriet Baldwin, Susan Bish, Gretchen O'Connell, Marge Hoffman, Agnes Jeppesen, Ruth Lum and Jean Sandoz.

Won't you join them as docents in the Heritage Center?

Gloria Jones & Ruth Maki

CALENDAR

August 6	Golf Tournament - ODJ Benefit
August 21	Rose Garden Tea - Flavel House
August 22 - 23	Historic Victorian Home Tour
July through August	Northwest Indian Art Exhibit - Heritage Center

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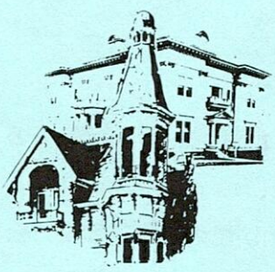

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